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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Twenty.

" (*b*) Office-bearers were prosecuted in 11 cases.

" (*c*) Legal action was taken in 22 cases.

" (*d*) & (*e*) Nil."

Construction of a wharf for Coondapur Port, South Kanara.

* 144 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what cost and when a wharf was constructed for Coondapur Port in South Kanara district;

(*b*) to whom the work was entrusted and by whom and whether a public tender was called for; and

(*c*) whether the Government have discovered that the said wharf is not properly constructed and the same has to be repaired urgently at a heavy cost?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The actual cost of the work was Rs. 1,07,691. The work was completed on 9th December 1951.

" (*b*) Public tenders were called for with due publicity through the dailies, etc., and the work was entrusted, after approval by Government, to Messrs. Koganti Narayana Rao and Doddi Appalaswamy of Kakinada who were the lowest tenderers.

" (*c*) Some pits have formed at certain places on the reclaimed portion in rear of the wharf wall. No repairs are reported to be necessary to the wharf wall itself. The causes for the formation of the depressions are being looked into by the Assistant Engineer (Marine)."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government depute an eminent engineer to report about the manner of construction as well as the present condition of the wharf and if an unfavourable report is received, will the Government take suitable action against the particular persons who are responsible for wasting huge sums of public money? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already said that the causes for the formation of the depressions are being looked into by the Assistant Engineer (Marine). After his report is received, we will have to consider whether there has been any waste and so on."

Palm Jaggery Co-operative Societies.

* 145 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Palm Jaggery Co-operative Societies formed in the Guntur district for the benefit of ex-toddy tappers and the number of members working in those societies;

(*b*) the average monthly earning of a member working in the society;

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(*c*) what arrangements are made by the Government to provide alternative employment to the remaining ex-toddy tappers; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to give permission to the unemployed toddy tappers to sell neera (sweet toddy)?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) There are 100 jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies in Guntur district, with a membership of 4,059 ex-tappers.

" (*b*) The average monthly income of a tapper member working in the societies ranged from Rs. 30 to Rs. 45 during the tapping season.

" (*c*) Three hundred and thirty-six ex-tappers were provided with alternative employment in the six tenants' societies and 13 milk supply co-operative societies organized for their benefit. The rest are engaged as agricultural or industrial labourers or employed as gang coolies in the Public Works Department.

" (*d*) There was no request from the ex-tappers of the district for the grant of the permission to sell neera for consumption as beverage."

Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar.

* 146 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Cherpalcheri-Kolapally road in Walluvanad, Malabar, has been included in the Post-War Reconstruction Scheme;

(*b*) when the Government propose to start the work; and

(*c*) what is the total estimate of the work?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The work will be taken up for execution by the District Board as soon as the works in progress in the district are completed.

" (*c*) Rupees thirty-five thousand (Rs. 35,000)."

Medical certificates for liquor permits.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have passed an Order that medical certificates for liquor permits should be given by Government Stipendiary Civil Surgeons only; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?